January 2015 Events Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park

The Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park is located on School St. off of Mission and Emmet Street in Santa Cruz.

January hours of operation are Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. and Sundays from 12:00 – 4:00 pm.

Gardens of Time

Thursday, January 1st at 1:00 pm

Stroll through history as you visit the various gardens within our courtyard and patio. We can learn a good deal about people who lived here in the past by exploring the plants they used and cultivated. Tour our native plant gardens, demonstration vegetable beds and Victorian "Nearyland". Take home history in a seed. The event is **FREE. Rain Cancels.**

Guided Adobe Tour Friday, January 2nd at 1:00 pm

Join us at the Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park for a guided tour of the oldest building in Santa Cruz. Come learn about the many families who have called this 180-year-old mission adobe their home. This event is FREE. Tours are conducted rain or shine.

Drop In Family Craft – Candle Dipping Saturday, January 3rd, 1:00-3:30pm

Enjoy an informal afternoon at this hidden jewel near downtown Santa Cruz. You can hand-dip a wax candle in our garden courtyard. The event is FREE. Rain Cancels.

Hides and Tallow at the Santa Cruz Mission Saturday, January 10th at 1:00 pm

Come and see how Mission Santa Cruz participated in a world economy back in the early 1800's. We will look at some of the major products of the mission; leather and tallow, and demonstrate how they were used. You will see how a branding iron works and get to make your own candle. The event is **FREE**. **Rain Cancels**.

Mission Cooking Demonstration Saturday January 17th at 1:00 pm

Come to Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park and experience different cooking styles used by the people who lived and worked here over 200 years ago. There will be a presentation of Ohlone and Spanish cuisine including hot rock cooking, tortilla frying on a Comal and baking in our Horno. You can even sample the creations and make your own tortilla. The event is **FREE. Rain cancels**.

Guided Adobe Tour Monday, January 19th at 2:00 pm

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Archeology Demonstration Saturday, January 24th at 1:00 pm

How do artifacts give us clues to the past? Follow the archeological process from the dig to the display, and participate in hands-on activities to discover the stories told by the artifacts. Presented in collaboration with the Santa Cruz Archeological Society. This event is **FREE**.

Wool, Spinning, and Weaving at the Santa Cruz Mission Saturday, January 31st at 1:00 pm

How did an isolated settlement clothe the hundreds of people who lived there? Take an in depth look at the cloth industry of Mission Santa Cruz. We will follow the path of wool from the sheep to the shirt. You will have the chance to try your hand at a drop spindle and spin your own wool. The event is **FREE. Rain or Shine.**

Please call (831) 425-5849 for more information. Or visit www.parks.ca.gov